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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. EMBASSY HAD LONG DISCUSSION REFTEL MATTER WITH MFA, WHICH CONFIRMS CURTAILED FUNDS FOR NETHERLANDS TOURIST PROGRAM. MFA'S CORT VAN DER LINDEN OF MFA'S BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PROMISES TO GIVE A "GOOD LOOK", HOWEVER, IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN DUTCH PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL.

2. THE GOOD LOOK WILL CONSIST OF A SECOND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT BY THE GON'S BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, AND TALKS WITH KLM AND THE TOURIST BOARD.

3. THIS IS LAST CHANCE. POST HAD ALREADY RECEIVED NEGATIVE REPLIES FROM KLM AND TOURIEST PEOPLE WHO SAID OFFICIAL REQUEST SHOULD BE SENT TO THEIR NEW YORK OFFICES FOR DECISION.

4. WE DON'T THINK THAT WOULD HELP MUCH ALTHOUGH SMITHSONIAN IS WELCOME TO TRY ONCE MORE. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE ANY POSITIVE RESULT TODAY'S PAO TALK WITH MFA.
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